

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WEBB County

MINUTE ORDER

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LAREDO District

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §26.51(b) prescribes conditions for a person to serve as a director or chief administrative officer of a regional mobility authority (RMA). Under 43 TAC §26.51(b)(1)(A), a person is not eligible to serve as a director or chief administrative officer of an RMA if the person or the person's spouse is employed by or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization, other than a political subdivision, that is regulated by or receives funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (department), the RMA, or a member county.

The City of Laredo (City) appointed Jose Murillo to the Board of Directors of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA).

Mr. Murillo's spouse serves as the Executive Director of Imaginarium of South Texas, a non-profit educational institution that receives funding from both the City of Laredo and Webb County. The City of Laredo has requested an exception to the requirements of 43 TAC §26.51(b)(1)(A) because of the City's belief that Mr. Murillo's spouse's employment with this non-profit organization does not in any way compromise Mr. Murillo's ability to serve the interests of the WC-CL RMA. The Imaginarium of South Texas provides the children of Webb County with creative and inquiry-based learning experiences.


Section 26.51(b)(4) provides that the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) may approve an exception to the requirements of Section 26.51(b)(1)(A) if (1) the RMA or the applicable county has properly disclosed to the public the details of the potential conflict, (2) the potential conflict concerns employment with an entity that receives funds from a member county, and (3) the commission determines that the employment will not result in the director or chief administrative officer incurring any obligation of any nature that is in substantial conflict with the director or officer's proper discharge of his or her duties on behalf of the RMA. Pursuant to 43 TAC §26.51(b)(4), the WC-CL RMA has disclosed to the public the details of the potential conflict by posting a notice on the WC-CL RMA website.

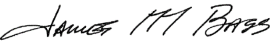
IT IS THEREFORE DETERMINED by the commission, pursuant to 43 TAC §26.51(b)(4), that the employment of Mr. Murillo's spouse as the Executive Director of the Imaginarium of South Texas will not result in Mr. Murillo incurring any obligation of any nature that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties as a member of the Board of Directors of the WC-CL RMA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an exception to the requirements of 43 TAC §26.51(b)(1)(A) is approved, and therefore Jose Murillo is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors of the WC-CL RMA.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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